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Dr. David Mellard
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Re: Vasquez Boulevard/ Interstate 70
(VB/I-70) Site

Dear David:

Enclosed please find a copy of the EPA draft document, "Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Bioavailability of Arsenic in Site Soils Using Juvenile Swine as an Animal Model". This document presents study background information, project objectives, design, and data quality objectives for the bioavailability study which has been the subject of recent VB/I-70 Working Group meeting discussions.

EPA seeks the input of the VB/I-70 Working Group on this document. We have made the necessary arrangements with laboratories to perform this work in time to support the baseline risk assessment for the VB/I-70 Site. The expedited schedule requires that EPA receive comments as soon as possible. I am requesting comments no later than Friday, September 17, 1999. We will accept verbal comments (by phone), comments transmitted by electronic mail, or written comments. Verbal comments may be directed to me at (303) 312-6579, or to Chris Weis at (303) 312-6671. Thank you for your input into this study.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lavelle
Remedial Project Manager

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cc (w/encl): Susan Muza

